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## Pheasant Hunt for Persons Dependent upon a Wheelchair

A special pheasant hunt for persons dependent upon a wheelchair is being offered by the Department of Fish and Game through its Game Bird Heritage Program. Providing hunter opportunity and hunter access is a major goal of the Game Bird Heritage Program. This hunt is made possible through the purchase of an Upland Game Bird Stamp by hunters and is supported by the Madera County fish and game propagation committee and Board of Supervisors by purchasing pheasants through the disbursement of fine monies collected from fish and game violators.

The hunt will be held on November 19, 2006, from 11:00 a.m. until sunset near the town of Chowchilla on private property. Male ring-necked pheasants will be released prior to the hunt. This hunt can accommodate 25 hunters who are dependent upon a wheelchair. The hunt will take place in a flat alfalfa field and trained pointing dogs will be used to locate the birds for the hunter. Volunteers will also be on hand to push the wheelchair hunters through the field if desired.

Successful applicants and their hunting guest (except junior license holders) must pay a \$14.75 entry fee. **Do not** send the \$14.75 fee with your application; it will be collected when you check in at the hunt. An Upland Game Bird Stamp is required of all hunters, except junior license holders. Hunters under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult (18 years of age or older).

## **How To Apply**

Hunters will be selected by a random computerized drawing and allowed to bring one hunting guest who is also dependent upon a wheelchair. When applying for the hunt, provide the following information for yourself and your guest: ① name, ②address, ③daytime and evening telephone numbers, and ④ 2006-2007 hunting license number. Hunters may apply only **once**, either as an applicant or as a guest. Submitting multiple applications will disqualify you from the drawing. Applications must be mailed or returned to:

Game Bird Heritage Program
Pheasant Hunt for Persons Dependent upon a Wheelchair
1234 East Shaw Avenue
Fresno, California 93710

Applications must be received by October 27, 2006, at 5:00 p.m. to be eligible for the drawing. **Only successful applicants will be notified** with instructions and a map to the hunt area. It is your responsibility to notify your guest hunter of being successful in the drawing. For additional information or an application, contact the Department of Fish and Game, Game Bird Heritage Program at (559) 243-4005, extension 133.

This and additional information can be found by visiting the Department's web page at <a href="http://www.dfg.ca.gov">http://www.dfg.ca.gov</a>.

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## **Application for San Joaquin Valley and Southern Sierra Region 2006 Pheasant Hunt for Persons Dependent upon a Wheelchair**

Please Print Clearly All areas must be completed (including guest information, if bringing guest) Incomplete Applications Will Be Rejected
Name
Last M. I.
First (Mr., Mrs., Jr, etc.)
Hunting License Number
NO. Check here if Lifetime License
Address
Street
City State Zip Code
Telephone
Daytime Extension
Evening
Guest Hunter's Name
Last M. I.
First (Mr., Mrs., Jr, etc.)
Hunting License Number
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Return or mail this application to:

Game Bird Heritage Pheasant Hunt for Persons Dependent upon a Wheelchair

Department of Fish and Game 1234 East Shaw Avenue Fresno, California 93710

Application due at Department of Fish and Game on **October 27, 2006, at 5:00 p.m.** to be eligible for the drawing.

or fax: (559) 243-4022